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WE DISCUSSED WITH BRITISH AND FRENCH YESTERDAY OUR PROPOSALS
FOR IDENTIFICATION ALLIED VEHICLES ALONG LINES SUGGESTED
BERLIN'S ON MARCH 13, SUBJECT: IDENTIFICATION US MOTOR
VEHICLES AND RAILROAD CARS.

FRENCH QUESTIONED NEED SUCH IDENTIFICATION SINCE IN THEIR
OPINION ALLIED VEHICLES ALREADY HAVE DISTINCT MARKINGS.
ALSO ASKED WHEN NEW IDENTIFICATION SIGNS WOULD BE PUT TO USE.

IN REPLY, WE SAID NEW IDENTIFICATION INTENDED PROVIDE MORE
UNIFORM AND DISTINCT MARKINGS ALLIED VEHICLES SO THERE WOULD
BE ABSOLUTELY NO (REPEAT NO) QUESTION FOR COMMUNISTS CONCERNING
IDENTITY. AS TO TIMING, WE SAID IT SEEMED MOST DESIRABLE
USE NEW IDENTIFICATION AS SOON AS TRIPARTITE AGREEMENT REACHED,
SO THEY WOULD BE IN USE SUFFICIENTLY IN ADVANCE SOVIET
DECISION TRANSFER RESPONSIBILITY BERLIN ACCESS TO GDR.

BRITISH, ON OTHER HAND, SAID THEY UNABLE DISCUSS OUR PROPOSALS
UK THINKING NOW CALLS FOR PRESENTATION DOCUMENTS TO GDR
AND ACCEPTANCE GDR STAMPING. EXPLAINED WORD CONTROL "IN ENGL
SENSE" DOES NOT IMPLY RIGHT TO INSPECT VEHICLES OR PREVENT
TRAVEL; IT MERELY ENABLES CONTROLLING OFFICIAL TO ENSURE
VEHICLE, PERSONS, AND CARGO ARE EXACTLY WHAT THEY ALLEGED

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TO BE. THEREFORE, IN UK VIEW, NO (REPEAT NO) REASON
GDR SHOULD NOT (REPEAT NOT) BE PERMITTED EXERCISE SAME CONTROLS
AS SOVIETS. CONSEQUENTLY THEY INSIST THERE NO (REPEAT NO)
BASIS REFUSE GDR PERMISSION TO STAMP ALLIED DOCUMENTS.

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